

# GET CONNECTED

## USING YOUR MORAL POWER - TODAY!

Feeling fired up and ready to act? If our current political climate is inspiring you to do something more, but you're unsure exactly where to put your energy, this hands-on introduction to citizen advocacy will leave you with actionable steps to make your voice heard. This workshop on Sunday, Feb. 12 from 1 to 2 p.m., will take the fear out of connecting with your representatives and embolden you with knowledge about when and how to reach out.

## DAYTIME CONNECTIONS: SAGE-ING

One of the Conscious Aging movement's founders proposed "a new model of late-life development called sage-ing, a process that enables older people to become spiritually radiant, physically vital, and socially responsible 'elders of the tribe.'" At the next Daytime Connections program on Thursday, Feb. 16, we'll explore what sage-ing is all about. Program begins at 11 a.m., followed by lunch at 1 p.m. RSVP to Sandy at [sandy@firstuniv.org](mailto:sandy@firstuniv.org) or 612-825-1701.

## RACIAL JUSTICE AND OUR UU FAITH WORKSHOP

Join us for a workshop exploring a framework and tools for understanding race, racism, and whiteness and the spiritual imperative that drives our racial justice work. This is a two-part workshop offered on Saturdays, Feb. 25 & March 4, from 9–11:30 a.m., led by Channing McKinley and Emma Paskewitz. To register, contact Sandy at [sandy@firstuniv.org](mailto:sandy@firstuniv.org) or 612-825-1701.

## STATE OF THE CHURCH MEETING AND SANCTUARY CHURCH VOTE

This year our annual State of the Church meeting, next Sunday, Feb. 19 at 12:30 p.m, will also be conducted as a Special Meeting of the Members to consider a congregational resolution on becoming a Sanctuary Church. In addition, Rev. Schroeder and Board of Trustees President Eric Cooperstein will share updates on the work of our Church, the Church's mid-year budget, the capital campaign, and more! This meeting will be a time to celebrate shared accomplishments and breathe life into our vision of what we can accomplish together in the coming months.

## CONTEMPLATIVE EVENING WORSHIP IS FEB. 19

"Kinds of Light: COLOR" is the third service in our 2016-17 Contemplative Evening Worship Series. Join us on Sunday, Feb. 19, at 5:30 p.m. in the sanctuary for a meditative hour of music and poetry for opening the heart and deepening the spirit. Continuing with the theme "Kinds of Light," this upcoming service will offer reflections on color. Dr. Jerrod Wendland writes: "A ray of light hits an object; it absorbs some frequencies, and reflects back those it cannot take in. Somehow, we've decided that the object "is" the frequencies it cannot absorb. Color is information, but often only about our own way of perceiving things. What does the color of an object really tell us? And what do we absorb from the world, and what do we reflect back at it—and which are we really?"



**Not for Ourselves Alone:  
Building an Inclusive Future**  
First Universalist Church Capital Campaign

Join us for the Kickoff Party  
on Saturday, March 11,  
5–11 p.m., at Minneapolis  
Event Centers!

# WELCOME

## We are so glad you are here.

At First Universalist Church, in the spirit of love and hope, we give, receive, and grow. We welcome, affirm, and protect the light in each human heart; we listen deeply to where love is calling us next; and we act with humility, bravery, and compassion in service to justice. We do all this as a faith community committed to racial justice. These spiritual practices and commitments are the ways we move in rhythm with the great love that is alive in the world.

## LET US KEEP YOU IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

If you are experiencing a crisis or transition, or celebrating a joy—please let us know. To be included in our Cycle of Life each Sunday in worship, contact Sandy DiNanni at [sandy@firstuniv.org](mailto:sandy@firstuniv.org) or 612-825-1701.

If you would like support, contact the church office at 612-825-1701 or any member of our Pastoral Care Team.

## Are You Visiting?

Come to a brief orientation to First Universalist and Unitarian Universalism, the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

## Our next orientation takes place: Sunday, Feb. 19!

Meet us in the front of the Sanctuary immediately after the service. Find out more about our community in this 45-minute overview. No sign up needed. Childcare is provided during the session after the 11:15 a.m. service.

**The Visiting Families Welcome Station** at the north end of the Religious Education wing has information about our Children, Youth & Family Ministries. Stop by if you are interested in learning more, or email Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministries Lauren Wyeth at: [lauren@firstuniv.org](mailto:lauren@firstuniv.org).

## CELEBRATING OUR GENEROSITY

Offering plates from Sunday Service:

**1/22** TRUST, Inc. \$1,242.85

**1/29** EMERGE \$1,816.47

**2/5** courageous heARTS \$1,184.05

Know a charitable organization that shares our commitment to justice and equity? Nominate an offering recipient at: [firstuniversalistchurch.org/offering-plate](http://firstuniversalistchurch.org/offering-plate).

If you'd like to make a donation but don't have cash, use the Square Cash App. It takes no time at all to set up and use! First Universalist's cash tag is \$firstuniv. For more information, go to <http://firstuniversalistchurch.org/new-giving-option-square-cash/>.

## HELPFUL INFORMATION

**Hearing devices** are available; please ask an usher. **Cushions** are available for the pews and are located next to the sound booth and at the entrance to the Sanctuary. Please return them to their home after the service. We also have **fragrance-free rows** marked in the balcony. **For more information**, stop by our Information Center in the Social Hall downstairs, call 612-825-1701, or visit our website: [firstuniversalistchurch.org](http://firstuniversalistchurch.org).

## CHORE TEAM

Do you need help with simple household tasks, such as removing or installing an air conditioner, changing lightbulbs, or window washing? These are chores that most of us do easily until we can't. Chore Team helpers are also needed! Contact Bob Friedman at [rmarcf@usfamily.net](mailto:rmarcf@usfamily.net) or 612-722-4705 if you need help, or if you would like to join the chore team.

## THE WEEKLY LIBERAL

The Weekly Liberal is published on Thursdays. Subscribe at: [firstuniversalistchurch.org/the-weekly-liberal/](http://firstuniversalistchurch.org/the-weekly-liberal/)  
Do you have news or information you'd like published? Fill out the submission form on our website!

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WORSHIP THEME: PROPHETIC IMAGINATION

# *POETS, PROPHETS, AND THE APOCALYPSE*

(OR: USING YOUR MORAL POWER)

REV. JUSTIN SCHROEDER

*FEBRUARY 12, 2017*

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Music for Gathering

Words of Welcome

Rev. Justin Schroeder

Bellsound

Prelude

Song Without Words (Duet)  
- Felix Mendelssohn

Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Call to Worship

Suzy Messerole

Opening Hymn #114 (Please rise in body or spirit)

Forward Through the Ages

Lighting the Chalice

Love is the spirit of this church  
And service is its law.  
This is our great covenant:  
To dwell together in peace,  
To seek the truth in love,  
And to help one another.

-James V. Blake

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New Member Welcoming

Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink

Silence

Cycle of Life

Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink

Hymn of Prayer #123 (please remain seated)

Spirit of Life

Spirit of life, come unto me,  
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion  
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea:  
Move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.  
Roots hold me close. Wings set me free.  
Spirit of Life, come to me. Come to me.

-Carolyn McDade

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Reading

Rev. Justin Schroeder

Anthem

Behold, God the Lord Passed By  
- Felix Mendelssohn

First Universalist Choir  
Dr. Randal Buikema

Sermon

Rev. Justin Schroeder

Poets, Prophets, and the Apocalypse (or: Using Your Moral Power)

Offertory

How Lovely Are the Messengers  
-Felix Mendelssohn

First Universalist Choir  
Dr. Randal Buikema

Closing Hymn #1028 (Please rise in body or spirit)

The Fire of Commitment

Closing Words

Rev. Justin Schroeder

Blessing in Song #413

Go Now in Peace

Worship Leaders

Rev. Justin Schroeder	Senior Minister
Rev. Elaine Aron Tenbrink	Minister of Membership and Adult Ministries
Suzy Messerole	Worship Associate
Dr. Jerrod Wendland	Pianist
Dr. Randal Buikema	Director of Choral Arts
First Universalist Choir	
Haley Durkee	9:30 A.M. Chalice Lighter
Henry Mitchell-Crow	11:15 A.M. Chalice Lighter

Chancel Flowers

Today's flowers were donated by Marion Dane Bauer in memory of her son, Peter (6/29/1964 - 2/9/2007), and in honor of her grandson, Connor. The arrangements were done by Dick Rueter of the Visual Arts Committee.

Offering: Youth Cultural Exchange

Youth Cultural Exchange (YCE) is part of First Universalist’s Children, Youth & Family Ministries. Since 1993, approximately 100 youth from our church have participated in exchange programs with youth from Poland, Ecuador and Nicaragua. Currently, YCE partners with Project Minnesota-Leon (PML) to create an exchange program with youth from Leon, Nicaragua. Our youth are matched with a Nicaraguan teenager. Each is invited into authentic relationship as they travel to one another’s country, stay in one another’s homes, are welcomed into a family, and share activities of daily life.

Musical Notes by Dr. Jerrod Wendland

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847) is strangely controversial for such a conservative artist. Some hate him for what he was: independently wealthy, a musical prodigy, and Jewish (by birth if not by faith); others hate him for what he was not: a tortured soul or a flamboyant revolutionary. Richard Wagner, inflamed by racism and envy, inveighed against the malign influence of this gentle man, all the while plundering Mendelssohn's works for ideas. Mendelssohn was a genius like Mozart, but was never exploited by his family; instead, he became a careful craftsman, dedicating himself to building on the work of Beethoven and Mozart, Handel and Bach (whose fame Mendelssohn is largely responsible for). Exhausted from overwork and shaken by the death of his musical sister, Fanny, he died far too young, leaving behind a treasure trove of works marred only by their perfection.

February Worship Theme: Prophetic Imagination

What is a prophet? A prophet is not a clairvoyant, or a psychic. A prophet is more akin to a namer; someone who is called to look and discern the what of what is, and name it. The prophet is one who sees the patterns hidden in plain sight. Her measuring stick is not the GDP, but the health and well being of the whole. The prophet is in love with his people, all his people, the oppressed and the privileged. Still, a prophet’s questions may feel pointed and abrupt. The prophet asks: Is your God big enough? Is your world picture big enough? A prophet calls forth imagination. This month we explore the imperative of imagination, name the prophets in our midst, and ask where we stand in prophetic imagination.